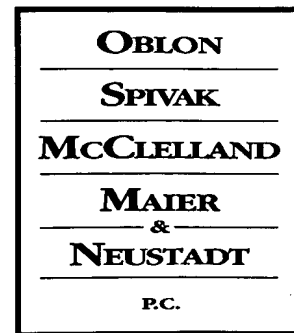




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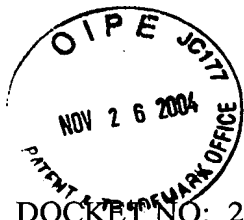


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This is responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 10, 2004.

Applicants elect, with traverse, the claims of Group I, Claims 1-3, for examination.

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